URBAN DISTRICT OF HUNSTANTON

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended DECEMBER 31st,1972

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HUNSTANTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1972

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report for 1972. The report of the Health Inspector is included.

SECTION I

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area The District covers 1,498 acres including 434 acres of foreshore.

Population The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population in 1972 was 4,090.

Year	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Estimated Mid-Year Population	3810	3940	4060	4140	4200	4230	4210	4210	3970	4090

Births The number of live births during the year was 41.

Deaths The deaths numbered 69 during the same period.

Rateable Value of the District : £246,135

Product of a Penny Rate : £2,342

VITAL STATISTICS - 1972

Births

The Registrar General's figure for live births for the Urban District was 41. There was one stillbirth.

Table showing the sex of legitimate and illegitimate live births

		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Legitimate	Males	17	13	29	27	18
	Females	16	17	24	21	16
	Total	33	30	53	48	34
Illegitimate	Males	2	3	3	3	5
	Females	3	3	3	2	2
	Total	5	6	6	5	7
Total Live Births		38	36	59	53	41

Live Birth Rate

The crude rate was 10.0 per 1,000 population. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.43) was 14.3 per 1,000 population compared with 14.8 for England and Wales, and 15.5 for the Administrative County of Norfolk.

Illegitimate Births

There were 7 illegitimate births in 1972. The percentage of illegitimate births to the total live births was 17.

Still Births

There was one stillbirth in 1972. The stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths was 24. The rate for England and Wales was 12, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 12.0.

Infant Deaths

One infant under one year of age died in 1972.

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births, and for 1972 was 24. The rate for England and Wales was 17.0, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 16.1.

The Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate equals the deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births. The rate for 1972 was 29.

The Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate equals the deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. The 1972 rate was zero.

The Neonatal Mortality Rate equals the deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. The rate for 1972 was 24.

The Early Neonatal Mortality Rate equals the deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live births. The 1972 rate was 24.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate is the combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1972 was 48.

Maternal Mortality Rate

No deaths occurred in 1972. The rate was zero.

The following table records the differing statistics over the last five years.

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Live Births	38	36	59	53	41
Live Birth Rate - Crude	9.0	8.6	14.0	13.4	10.0
Live Birth Rate - Corrected	7.74	7.4	12.0	11.5	14.3
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate	13.2	17.	10.	9.	17.
Still Births	0	1	2	1	1
Still Birth Rate	0	27.	33.	19.	24.
Total Live & Still Births	38	37	61	54	42
Infant Deaths	0	1	0	0	1
Infant Mortality Rate	0	28.	0	0	24.
" " " - Legitimate	0	33.	0	0	29.
" " " - Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0
Neonatal Mortality Rate	0	28.	0	0	24.
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	0	28.	0	0	24.
Perinatal Mortality Rate	0	54.	33.	19.	48.
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0	0	0	0

Deaths

The number of deaths at all ages in the District during 1972 was 69 (males 31: females 38).

Heart disease, with 18 deaths, caused 26% of all deaths. Cerebro Vascular disease, with 16 deaths, caused 23% of all deaths. Cancer, with 11 deaths, caused 16% of all deaths. 92.8% of all deaths occurred in persons over 55 years of age.

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	-	16.9
Corrected Death Rate (comparability factor 0.46)	-	7.8
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	-	0.64
Adjusted Death Rate for the Administrative County of Norfolk	-	10.0
Death Rate for England and Wales	-	12.1

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Deaths	90	76	74	73	69
Death Rate - Crude	21.3	18.1	17.6	18.4	16.9
Death Rate - Corrected	14.2	12.3	12.5	13.1	7.8

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths tabled under the International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1965. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to those causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	Age in Years 35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	6	-	-	1	1	2	2
	F	11	-	-	-	-	5	6
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	4	4
	F	8	-	-	-	-	2	6
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

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Deaths from all causes - cont'd.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	Age in Years 35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	31	-	1	1	3	10	16
	F	38	1	-	2	1	10	24

SECTION II

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Eight cases of infectious diseases were notified during 1972.

Incidence of Infectious Diseases for the past five years:-

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	81	2
Measles	14	13	4	7	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	6	2	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	9	-	2	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	4	1
Total	14	28	6	95	8

Measles

Four cases were reported. The following table shows the distribution of the disease by age groups. The number of children suffering from measles has remained small over the last four years. Immunisation has been available during this latter period.

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Under 1 year	2	-	-	-	1
1 - year	2	4	1	-	1
2 - years	-	2	-	-	-
3 - years	2	1	-	1	-
4 - years	1	3	2	2	-
5 - 9 years	6	2	1	2	1
10 -14 years	-	-	-	1	-
15 -24 years	1	1	-	1	-
25 - years	-	-	-	-	1
Total	14	13	4	7	4

Measles Vaccination

Immunisation against measles is offered by the County Council. Supplies of vaccine have been adequate throughout the year.

Year of Birth	1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-68	Others	Total
Total	-	23	16	3	8	4	54

Rubella Immunisation

Immunisation against German Measles is offered by the County Council to girls who are in their fourteenth year of age. Forty-one girls were immunised at Hunstanton Secondary Modern School.

Tuberculosis

No new case of tuberculosis was reported.

Notifications and inward transfers of people with Tuberculosis for the past five years are tabled below:-

		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
New Cases :-	Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-
	Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-
Inward Transfers :-	Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December :-	Pulmonary	16	6	6	7	7
	Non-Pulmonary	3	-	-	-	-
	Total	19	6	6	7	7

B.C.G. Vaccination

Immunisation against tuberculosis is offered by the County Council to boys and girls who are in their fourteenth year of age. The injection is given at school.

The following table gives more information of B.C.G. vaccination in 1972.

School	Tested	Read	Positive	Negative	Vaccinated
Hunstanton Secondary Modern	108	99	3	96	94

Poliomyelitis Immunisation

The County Council is the health Authority responsible for organising the immunisation against poliomyelitis. The vaccine is given orally and is usually commenced in infancy when the child is six months of age. A booster dose is offered at school entry and at school leaving age.

The following table shows the number of persons immunised against poliomyelitis during 1972 in Hunstanton Urban District.

Age Groups	Total
Children born in 1972	1
Children born in 1971	24
Children born in 1970	9
Children born in 1969	-
Children born 1965 - 1968	-
Others under age 16 years	1
Total Primary Courses completed	35
Total Reinforcing doses (children under 16 years)	62

The following table records immunisation for persons under 16 years of age against poliomyelitis for the past five years:-

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Initial Courses	44	30	39	45	35
Reinforcing	45	167	127	158	62

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

The County Council is the health authority responsible for the organisation of immunisation against these three diseases. Immunisation is usually commenced in infancy when the child is six months old. It is mainly given as 'Triple Antigen', thus reducing the number of injections a child needs. The antigens given, combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately. Booster injections against diphtheria and tetanus are offered soon after school entry. A further booster injection against tetanus is offered while the child is attending the senior school.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus in the District in 1972.

		Total
Triple	Initial immunisation	34
	Booster injection	22
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial immunisation	-
	Booster injection	48
Diphtheria	Initial immunisation	-
	Booster injection	-
Tetanus	Initial immunisation	5
	Booster injection	50

The following table shows immunisation against these diseases in the Urban District, for the past five years:-

		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Triple	Initial immunisation	41	26	37	42	34
	Booster injection	39	21	30	24	22
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	Initial immunisation	-	-	-	1	-
	Booster injection	34	30	53	53	48
Diphtheria	Initial immunisation	-	-	-	-	-
	Booster injection	1	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	Initial immunisation	10	3	2	6	5
	Booster injection	50	161	91	127	50

I should like to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee, and the staffs of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office, for their continuous interest, support and help throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

L.G.POOLE, M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.,D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION III
(Contributed by the Public Health Inspector)

DUTIES:

The Public Health Inspector is responsible for all of the duties laid down by the Public Health Officers Regulations,1959, and in addition, the supervision of the collection and disposal of refuse, cleansing of the sea front, maintenance of public conveniences, repair and maintenance of Council houses and administration of the Petroleum Acts and Regulations, the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, the Civic Amenities Act and the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING 1972

Public Health Acts:		
Nuisances	43	
Dustbins	19	
Infectious Diseases	8	
Disinfestation of Premises	19	
Cesspools	12	
Buildings	18	
Old People	12	131
Housing Acts:		
Inspections and Re-inspections	48	
Improvement Grants	84	132
Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings:		152
Council Houses:		
Repair and Maintenance	384	
External Painting	51	435
Food and Food Premises:		
Inspection of Premises	128	
Inspection of Stalls/ Vehicles	29	
Ice Cream Premises	38	
Inspection of Foodstuffs	31	226
carried forward		1076

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Other Matters:

Factories Act Administration	3	
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	121	
Petroleum Act & Regulations	34	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	29	
Pet Animals Act	1	
Refuse:		
Storage, Collection & Disposal	118	
Public Conveniences:		
Maintenance and Cleansing	221	
Sea Front Cleansing	139	
Allotment Gardens	12	
Civic Amenities Act	22	
Water Supply	6	706
	Total	1782

WRITTEN NOTICES SERVED DURING 1972

	Outstanding from 1971	Served during 1972	Complied with during 1972
(a) Informal			
Public Health Acts,1936 & 1961.	4	2	6
Housing Acts, 1957-1969.	-	-	-
Caravan Sites Act	1	6	7
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations,1970.	2	18	17
Food Hygiene (Market Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1970.	-	-	-
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act,1949.	-	1	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act,1963.	6	12	15
Civic Amenities Act,1967.	-	2	2
(b) Statutory			
Public Health Acts,1936 & 1961.	-	-	-
Housing Acts,1957.	-	1	-
Civic Amenities Act,1967.	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY

The Authority responsible for the supply and maintenance is the North-West Norfolk Water Board.

Samples for bacteriological reports were collected at the Water Tower and from various points in the distribution system. All were reported as bacteriologically satisfactory.

DRAINAGE

During the year a contractor hired by the Council emptied the cesspools and septic tanks of ten properties which,because of unfavourable levels or distance, cannot be connected to the sewer.

Due to the development of Redgate Estate one or two properties have now been connected to main drainage.

It has been arranged with Docking Rural District Council that cesspools and septic tanks will in future be emptied by them, so avoiding a steep increase in costs had the private contractor been used again.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

As in previous years, the weekly collection from all premises has been maintained, and during the summer most business premises have received two or more collections.

With the exception of one, caravan sites and chalets received a twice weekly collection throughout the summer. The exception was possible due to one large site making extensive use of plastic sacks, which produced a considerable saving in labour, both for the Council and the site concerned.

The increase in the volume of refuse continues to be noticeable, both at storage and disposal points, and I would again like to express my appreciation of the way in which this is accepted by the collectors.

Two vehicles operated during the summer months, and in winter all collections are carried out by one crew operating one vehicle. The Council have agreed to the purchase of another Bedford/Eagle Compressload 5 collection vehicle, which is necessary due to the effect of plating regulations and the condition of the Karrier Gamecock. It is hoped that the new vehicle will be in operation before the bulk of the seasonal trade is felt.

The condition of the Tip continues to be as satisfactory as possible within the limited resources available, but from time to time complaints are received due to the combustion of refuse. Although every effort is made to minimise the nuisance, its control is difficult due to the accessibility of the tip to anyone, who is able if they so wish, to start fires.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

Very little trouble was experienced during the year due to abandoned vehicles, and the plenary powers which I have in this respect are very effective, and enable me to deal quickly with any of these vehicles.

SEA FRONT CLEANSING

As in previous years, litt er baskets are emptied by the refuse collectors and seasonal workers employed to clear loose litter. A large number of people apparently discard unwanted articles without any consideration for others or appreciation of the cost of picking them up.

It is interesting to note that whilst the cost of public cleansing has increased by 83% in five years, the increase in the cost of sea front cleansing has been only 50%.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

The visits recorded under this section include inspections for disrepair in houses, accumulations of refuse, defective sanitary conveniences, choked or defective drains, and to arrange for and supervise the emptying of cesspools and septic tanks.

Incidents of infestations within premises were insignificant and a number of minor complaints were satisfactorily dealt with.

HOUSING

(a) General

Very little has been done in the past year in the housing field, and only one closing order became operative. In addition one statutory notice was served under Section 9 of the 1957 Act requiring the execution of works. Although the notice had not been complied with at the end of the year, the owner of the property had made proposals for extensive alterations which would bring the property up to a modern condition.

Inspections were carried out at the request of a neighbouring authority regarding information about the accommodation of persons seeking re-housing.

Clearance of Unfit Properties
Housing Act,1957. Part III

One small area, The Terrace, Hunstanton, was demolished during the year.

Last year I reported the result of a survey of the District. As a result the Council resolved to carry out a programme of building of five person and old peoples dwellings. The proposed sites are on the extension to Waveney Road, for the family houses, and in Park Road on the Youth Centre field for the Old Peoples Flats. Such is the rate of progress, however, that the likelihood is that neither schemes will be under way before re-organisation, and consequently nothing can be done to secure the clearance of the unfit property.

In St.Mary's Ward the proposals for clearance provoked considerable public feeling, the result being that the majority of properties which were recommended as unfit have been scheduled by the Department of the Environment as being of Architectural or Historic interest.

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This has effectively prevented any further action being taken on these unfit properties, and unless the owners are prepared of their own volition to make them fit there is little that can be done to enforce any of the provisions of the Housing Acts.

(b) Improvement Grants

During the year twenty-three applications were received for Improvement Grants and two for Standard Grants. One application was refused and one withdrawn.

Of all grants approved, the total sum was £5,762, as follows:-

Improvement Grants	£5,462
Standard Grants	£ 300

Grants were paid as follows:-

Improvement Grants	£1,186
Standard Grants	Nil

New Houses

Private Builders completed 31 new dwellings during the year and 70 dwellings were under construction at the end of the year.

Council Houses

The number of properties maintained by the Council remains the same.

CARAVAN SITES AND CAMPING GROUNDS

The number of caravan sites in the district was reduced to six owing to one site being acquired by the County Council for Road Improvements. This site was, however, used for part of the summer season for touring caravans as the road improvement scheme was not scheduled to commence during the year.

The general standard of the sites remains at its usual high level but there was during the year a noticeable increase in the number of touring caravans. The tendency was to accommodate as many of these vans as possible. At peak periods a large number of tents and vans were parked on one of the Council's Car Parks. There appears to be very little that can be done to stop the illegal use of the land in this way, which is due largely to the lack of sites available for casual users in this part of Norfolk. It is, in my view, essential that proper facilities should be made available and so prevent the attendant discomfort to holiday makers and nuisance to residents.

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CARAVAN SITES AND CAMPING GROUNDS - Cont'd.

The Annual Survey of Caravans showed that there were 1641 caravans and 205 tents in the town at August Bank Holiday, compared with 1532 and 106 the previous year, an increase of over 7% of caravans on the previous year. The reduction which was anticipated did not occur because of a 29% increase in touring vans.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT,1955

(a) Food Premises

Inspections were carried out during the year of food premises and a number of verbal and written notices were issued in order to secure compliance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations,1970 and the Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations,1967.

(b) Food Inspection

Thirteen visits were made to examine unsound food and an assortment of small quantities of foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered including the following:
confectionery, canned and fresh meat, frozen food, ice cream and tinned fruit.

(c) Meat Inspection

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district, and all meat is inspected before delivery.

(d) Manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Food

There are four premises registered under S.16 of the Food and Drugs Act,1955. All form part of butchers shops and are in a satisfactory condition.

(e) Ice Cream

There are 42 premises registered under S.16 of the Food and Drugs Act,1955.

(f) Shellfish

No cockles or mussels were shown to be taken for sale from the local beaches during the year. Samples of shellfish were satisfactory.

(g) Milk and Dairies

There are no milk bottling or treatment plants and all milk sold within the district was treated. Three premises are registered as dairies and twenty-one as milk distributors under the Food and Drugs Act,1955 and the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations,1955.

(h) Poultry

There are no poultry plucking stations or premises registered under the Slaughter of Poultry Act,1967 within the Urban district.

RODENT CONTROL

The number of complaints continues at about the same level and no serious infestations were notified or detected.

The Rodent Control Contract passed during the year to Millingtons Rodents and Insects Ltd., and a satisfactory service was maintained.

FACTORIES

The district is non industrial and the majority of premises to which the Factories Acts apply consist of garages and builders workshops. Additionally there is a vegetable preparation factory and a printing works. No notices were served for infringements of those sections administered by the Council.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT,1963

There continues to be very little change in the number of registered premises or the number of persons employed.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Council owns a total of seven blocks of public conveniences, in addition to a further three blocks for use by occupiers of its caravan sites. Happily vandalism during the year was negligible.

Conversion to the toilet block on Seagate car park to enable persons confined to wheel chairs to gain access was completed in time for the season. Unhappily it was found that the two special compartments were being abused, and it was found necessary to fit coin-operated locks to the doors. It had been my hope that this would have been unnecessary for although the cost of one penny is unlikely to cause any financial hardship, there are those disabled people who have difficulty in operating such a coin lock. There was, however, a small minority who do not respect facilities provided for public use and it is most unfair that innocent people, and particularly those less fortunate disabled people,suffer because of this abuse by a thoughtless few.

Work had commenced on the new block of toilets being provided on the Central Area Car Park, so that completion would be by Easter 1973. It will cause satisfaction to many when this block is completed and the old underground block can be demolished and make way for some more pleasant feature on the attractive Westgate Green.

APPENDIX

Annual Report for 1972 under Section 153(1) of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1-4 and 6 are to be enforced by the local authority.	2	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority.	5	4	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	7	5	-	-

(2) No defects were found in the following categories:-

Want of Cleanliness	(S.1)
Overcrowding	(S.2)
Unreasonable temperature	(S.3)
Inadequate ventilation	(S.4)
Ineffective drainage to floors	(S.6)
Sanitary Conveniences	(S.7) -
(a) Insufficient	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	
(c) Not separate for sexes.	

Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers).

Part VIII of the Act (Sections 133 and 134)

Outwork

There were no outworkers employed in the district.

CONCLUSION

At the time of writing this report the re-organisation of Local Government is rapidly approaching, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Members of the Council, the Medical Officer of Health, the Clerk of the Council and my colleagues for their help and guidance during the four years that I have been the Public Health Inspector to the Council.